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NOTICE.

THE Date of Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACES has been POSTPONED from the 9TH JANUARY to SATURDAY, 16TH.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, December 29, 1903. 1021

NOTICE.

IT has been suggested that a Plebiscite should be taken to ascertain the views of British subjects resident in Hongkong on the Fiscal Policy now being enunciated by Mr CHAMBERLAIN, and accordingly persons interested are invited to record their opinions in the Chamber of Commerce Room at the CITY HALL, on or before 4 o'clock in the AFTERNOON of SATURDAY, the 16TH JANUARY instant.

Dated the 11th January, 1904.

C. P. CHATER — HO KAI
EDGERT A HEWETT — C. W. DICKSON
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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

1. It is proposed to organize one DANCE to be given at the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 9TH FEBRUARY.
2. The Dance will be opened to the Public, and its object is to raise money towards the cost of a projected new Pavilion.
3. The Subscription will be $15, but no dance will be organized unless at least 150 Gentlemen subscribe.
4. The Hours of Dancing will be from 9.15 p.m. to 12.30 a.m., and Light Refreshments will be served during the Dance.
5. Married Subscribers will be entitled to bring either their wives and the Members of their families who are not Members or Subscribers of the H.K.C.C., or their wives and one other guest who is not a Member or Subscriber of the H.K.C.C.
6. Bachelor Subscribers (including Married Gentlemen whose wives and families are not in the Colony) will be entitled to bring two guests, not being Members or Subscribers of the H.K.C.C.
7. Additional Guests may be invited on payment of $5 extra for each guest.
8. Gentlemen who have already subscribed to the abandoned series of three dances will be considered to have subscribed to the Dance on 9th February, unless an intimation to the contrary is received by either of the undersigned on or before 20th January 1904.
9. Gentlemen intending to subscribe will oblige by sending their names, with the names of their guests, to either of the undersigned on or before 20th January 1904, at the Hongkong Club.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Chairman of Dance Sub-Committee,
T. C. GRAY,
Hon. Sec. of Dance Sub Committee.

Hongkong, January 13, 1904. 84

Business Notices.

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NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between myself and Mr JOHN HASTINGS having been dissolved by effluxion of time, my Business will in future be carried on under the Firm name of DEACON, LOOKER and DEACON.

VICTOR H. DEACON,
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Hongkong, January 1, 1904. 8

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N. INUZUKA, *Manager*, Hongkong.

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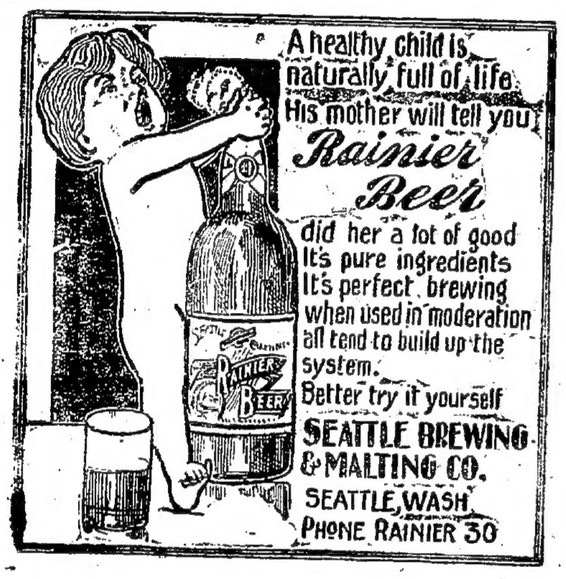

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THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, 14, Des Vœux Road, on SATURDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1904, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purposes of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1904, to the SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 4, 1903. 26

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th January, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 15th January to Wednesday, the 20th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.,
General Agents for the
KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 5, 1904. 33

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27TH JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 9, 1904. 61

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27TH JANUARY, 1904, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th January to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.,
General Agents for
THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 9, 1904. 62

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the National Bank of China, Limited, will be held at the Bank premises, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30TH JANUARY, 1904, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st December, 1903, the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors, to determine whether the place of MR WILLIAM WOTTON who retires under Article 133 shall be filled up, whether the London Committee shall be reduced to two instead of three under Article 137, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 30, 1903. 57

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stonecutters Island (East and South Shore Batteries) in a South-Westerly direction, at ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards, on the 16th instant, and from Lyemun (Pakshawan Battery) in the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards on the 16th instant.

If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, Practice will take place on the 18th instant.

Practice will commence at 9 a.m. on the 16th instant, and at 9.30 a.m. on the 16th instant, and end at 11 a.m. daily, if the range is clear.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, January 8, 1904. 54

DANCING.

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Hongkong, April 2, 1903. 147

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),
on

SATURDAY,

the 16th January, 1904, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

TWO FIELD SPANIELS
About 3 years old.
(Only imported this Season from England and shot over two seasons).

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 78

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MAJOR BAKER-BROWN, R.E., to Sell by Public Auction,
on

TUESDAY,

the 19th January, 1904, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at his Residence, No. 5, STEWART TERRACE, the Peak,—

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Also,
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TERMS:—As Customary.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Monday, the 18th January, 1904.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 79

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land South of Bowen Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Registry No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	N.E.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
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1 Inland Lot No. 1711	South of Bowen Road.	347	200 37	170	103	40,347	378	10,050

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SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

To be Sold, by Order of the Mortgagee,
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FRIDAY,

the 22nd day of January, 1904, at 3 o'clock, at their Sale Rooms, Ice House Street,
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Lot 1.—The Valuable LEASEHOLD MESSUAGES and PREMISES, known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Ping On Lane, situate on Inland Lot No. 160, which are held for the residue of a term of 940 years created by the Crown Lease thereof. Crown Rent, $22.

Lot 2.—The Valuable LEASEHOLD MESSUAGES and PREMISES, known as Nos. 25 and 27, Morrison Hill Road, and Nos. 33 and 35, Bowrington Street, situate on the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1318, which are held for the residue of a term of 986 years created by the Crown Lease thereof. Crown Rent, $31.59.

For further particulars, apply to
Messrs HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers;
or to
DENNYS & BOWLEY,
Supreme Court House,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

Hongkong, January 11, 1904. 68

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR GEO. P. LAMMERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
on

SATURDAY,

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Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 71

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
on

SATURDAY,

the 16th January, 1904, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, QUEEN'S ROAD,—

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Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 77

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Hongkong, January 5, 1904. 28

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BEAUTY SHOWS.

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Extraordinary interest is being displayed in the beauty show to be held at Leeds Albert Hall, when the 'semi-finals for all England' will be decided. Mr H. Kremnitz, the hon. secretary of the Leeds Physical Culture & Health Society, who is arranging the competition, said that there will be fifteen competitors of both sexes. About half a dozen of the competitors will be young women, who are to wear tights. The judges will consist of local doctors and other gentlemen, who will witness a private preliminary test of the prowess of the women. The winners of the two prizes of £200—one prize for each sex—will proceed to New York and engage in a competition with the rest of the world.

One of the competitors is Miss Marie Henderson, who will be the representative of the Tyneside Physical Culture Society. Miss Henderson is twenty-four years old, 5 ft. 7 in. high, and weighs 10 st. 6 lbs. Her neck measurement is 14 ins., bust 36 ins., waist 26 ins., round hips 37 ins., thigh 32 ins., calf 14 ins., ankle 7 ins., forearm 10½ ins., and biceps 12½ ins. She can walk 5 miles in 54 mins. and thirteen and a half miles in 2 hrs. 30 mins. She lifts dumb-bells ranging from 90 lbs. to 140 lbs., and is a fencer, boxer, ball puncher, gymnast, and cyclist. Miss Henderson does not wear corsets, and to this fact she attributes her splendid proportions. London is promised a display on somewhat similar lines early in the New Year. The promoters of the recent baby show in South-East London are arranging a beauty show for maidens up to twenty-five years of age.

LAWYERS' STORIES.

The Solicitor-General of Scotland enlivened the interesting address he delivered to the Scots Law Society the other month with quite a number of racy anecdotes, mainly about Bench and Bar. The following are some samples:—

In the days when broad Scots was spoken in Scotland by all classes of the people an eminent member of the Scottish Bar was arguing a case, which had reference to water, before the House of Lords. He called his subject 'watter.' 'Mr——,' said a pompous Judge, 'do you, in Scotland, spell water with two t's?' 'Naw, my Lord,' retorted counsel, 'but we spell mainners wi' twa n's'

How not to draw up a condescendence the Solicitor-General illustrated by a story regarding an apprentice clerk who had to draft the condescendence for a Sheriff Court case arising out of a collision. That apprentice had not learned that brevity and conciseness should be the features of a record, and he let his imagination have full play. He described the vessel belonging to his employers' clients as sailing, under sunny skies, over placid seas, and by coasts where every prospect pleased, until—'crash!' Thus he signified the climax reached in the collision. Needless to say, as Mr. Dundas informed his hearers, the condescendence which ultimately reached the Sheriff was a very prosaic and lame affair compared with the great original.

Mr Ure, K.C., happened to recall an occasion on which, when the Solicitor-General was contesting Linlithgowshire against him, they both addressed an audience under the canopy of heaven from the vantage ground afforded by a tub. Their insecure foothold, Mr Ure said, doubtless affected their oratory, which did not attain the high standard Mr Dundas had set that night. The Solicitor-General's retort was keenly appreciated. 'I think,' he said, 'that upon the occasion Mr Ure refers to he was the only man in a procession of Free Gardeners who wore a tile hat. Further, I don't think the insecurity of our foothold could have affected our oratory, for whether the platform was tub or planks, it had been tested by a far more weighty member of the Scottish Bar than either of us—I mean Sheriff Jameson.'

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

HAVE just received a large Stock Suitable for Christmas and New Year's Presents of Indian, Chinese and Japanese SILKS and GOODS made thereof suitable for Ladies and Gentlemen; Cashmere Shawls; Oriental and Egyptian embroideries Rugs; Persian and Indian Carpets; Jewelry; Maltese Lace Articles; Grass Cloth Embroidered Goods. Old Embroidered Chinese Costumes.

Genuine Camphorwood boxes; Fans and several other articles made up of Ivory, Mother-of-pearl, Sandalwood and Tortoise-shell, &c., &c., &c.

Quality will speak for itself.
Very moderate Prices.

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A COBRA RECORD.

H. Drummond Deane, in the following letter to the *Madras Mail*, seems to have struck the cobra record. He says:—On the morning of the 13th May last, just as we were sitting down to breakfast, the *mali* came and said he had seen a large cobra go into a hole under an *Ipomœa* bush in the garden, not 20 yards from the house. We got the bush dug up, and after digging for about half an hour came across a young cobra a foot long, who raised its hood at once; another stroke of the pickaxe brought four or five to view, and in 20 minutes we killed no less than 20 of an average size of a foot in length. After some more digging a large cobra was unearthed, presumably the mother, and finally another small cobra, making a record of 22 cobras in half an hour. I was present the whole time and myself saw every one dug up and killed. I was curious to know if this was the usual size of a cobra family and wrote to a leading authority on the subject in Madras for information. He told me that little was known of the domestic life of the cobra, but that he quite thought this was a record. I ought to add that three weeks previously we had killed a large cobra in the drawing room.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

Death of a Scotch M.P.

London, December 24.—The death is announced of Capt. Charles Lindsay Orr-Ewing, Member for Ayr Burghs.

[Capt. Orr-Ewing sat for the Ayr Burghs since 1895 in the Conservative interest. He held a commission in the 3rd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from 1880 to 1889. In 1898 he married Lady Augusta Boyle, the eldest daughter of the Earl of Glasgow, who is a Ceylon estate-owner. Capt. Orr-Ewing's majority in 1900 was 593 votes.]

Death of a Distinguished Army Medical Officer.

The death is announced of Surgeon Colonel Sir George Thomson, formerly of the Indian Medical Service.

[Sir George Thomson, K.C.B., was sixty years old, and entered the Indian Medical Service in 1865, retiring in 1898. He served with the Chitral and Tirah Expeditions. He was mentioned in despatches and decorated for his distinguished services. Earlier he had also served in the Afghan war with such conspicuous success that he received the thanks of the Indian Government, besides other marks of honour.]

The French Naval Estimates.

London, December 25.—The French Senate has passed the Naval estimates, restoring in full the votes for the fortification of the bases at Diego Suarez in Tonkin, which the Committee had reduced.

[Diego Suarez is in Madagascar. Probably *and* Tonkin is meant.]

The British Mission to Thibet.

Calcutta, December 25.—A press communiqué regarding the Thibet Mission has been issued, and states that General Macdonald, with the advanced party of the Mission and escort, has reached Phari after having reconnoitred the Tang-la Pass, over the main chain of the Himalayas.

There was no opposition at any stage. The inhabitants of the Chumbi Valley brought in supplies and sold 100 mules to the Mission. They are also arranging for the carriage of the Mission's supplies on the contract system between Chumbi, where Colonel Younghusband has halted at present until supplies can be sent on, and the head of the mule road on the Rangpo River in Sikkim.

Colonel Younghusband has been visited at Chumbi by the Phari Jongpon, or district officer, who stated that no resistance would be offered to the Mission, and that supplies would be furnished

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station

Name.	*Class*	*Tons.*	*Guns.*	*I.H.P.*	*Captain.*	*Last reported at*
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	—	3000	Comdr. O. de B. Brock	Shanghai
+Albion	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jerram	Hongkong
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander R. Nugent	Singapore
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Wei-hai-wei
Blenheim	cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain F. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Hongkong
Britomart	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Centurion	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Tegan	Wei-hai-wei
Cressy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	—	Hongkong
Eclipse	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9600	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Wei-hai-wei
Espiègle	sloop	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	—	Foochow
Fearless	cruiser, 3rd class	1580	12	3200	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Hongkong
*Glory	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain W. A. Carter	Wei-hai-wei
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. H. L. Weil	Wei-hai-wei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	—	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Comdr. J. D. Daintree	Wei-hai-wei
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. C. Asser	Yangtse-Kiang
Kinsha	river gunboat	—	4	—	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Hongkong
Leviathan	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	—	31,592	Hon. N. G. Stopford	Macao
Moorhen	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Wei-hai-wei
Mutine	sloop	950	10	1400	Comdr. C. W. M. Plenderleath	Hongkong
Ocean	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain R. F. Foote, C.M.G.	Wei-hai-wei
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6330	Lt.-Com. G. G. Codrington	Hongkong
Phœnix	sloop	1015	6	1400	Commander W. H. Nicholson	Hongkong
Rambler	Surveying-vessel	835	6	650	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Pakhoi
Rinaldo	sloop	980	10	1400	Com. D. St. A. Wake	Canton
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. John P. Irven	Shanghai
Rosario	sloop	980	6	1400	Comdr. T. Jackson	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. Murray Lockhart	Shanghai
Sirius	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Yangtze
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Sparrowhawk	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	—	Hongkong
Takn	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	6500	Fleet Reserve	Wei-hai-wei
Talbot	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9600	Captain Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Rear-Admiral C. C. Robinson	Yangtze
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Manila
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	9000	Capt. J. A. C. Wilkinson	Hankow
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Vengeance	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Formosa
Vestal	sloop	980	10	1400	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Barker	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	320	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5900	In Reserve	Hankow
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Yangtze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Wason	

* Flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

\+ Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., C.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	*Flag and Description.*	*Tons.*	*Guns.*	*H.P.*	*Captain.*	*Last reported*
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grinzenherzen	Shanghai
Acheron	French gunboat	1796	—	—	Captain Laferriere	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. Belloy	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	460	Commander Journet	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Haiphong
Bugeaud	French cruiser	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lafevre	Shangai
Chateaurenault	French cruiser	6018	18	—	Captain V. Poidlone	Saigon
Comete	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Louel	Haiphong
Decidée	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Guthsell	Saigon
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Golleur	Haiphong
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécue	Saigon
Montcalm	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Captain Arcs	Saigon
Olry	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	4015	27	8500	Captain Seuès	Saigon
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	—	Saigon
Styx	French cruiser	1796	10	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain Thomas	Hongkong
Takiang	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtse
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Saigon
Vauban	French-cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Along Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Canton
Vipere	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Shanghai
Fürst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich	—
Geier	German cruiser	1776	15	2960	Comdr. Wuthmann	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Capt. van Semmern	Yokohama
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	37	10,000	Capt. Ingenohl	—
Iltis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Count Commander Platen	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Kobe
Luchs	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Kroencke	Hongkong
Möwe	German gunboat	1529	—	—	Comdr. Fasper	Hongkong
Seeadler	German cruiser	1640	15	2800	Comdr. Hoffmann	Nanking
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Deimling	—
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Welse	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2739	10	7471	—	Yokohama
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Ducarne	Nagasaki
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	24	6820	Captain Zezi	Shanghai
Vettor Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,500	Capt. Cali	Nagasaki
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Macao
Alcout	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostock
Amaur	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatchikoff	Port Arthur
Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reitzenschtein	Kobe
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	19	16,5000	—	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian gunboat	3200	8	—	—	Port Arthur
Bobre	Russian cruiser	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjeckovitch	Shanghai
Bogatyr	Russian cruiser	6640	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Diana	Russian gunboat	6731	6	—	—	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Youricff	Port Arthur
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagarausky	Shanghai
Gromobol	Russian cruiser	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jessen	Port Arthur
Guiliak	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Shanghai
Koreets	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Nanking
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commander Muravieff	Shanghai
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasilieff	Port Arthur
Pallada	Russian cruiser	6731	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Peresviet	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Port Arthur
Petropavlovsk	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Jakovleff	Port Arthur
Pobeda	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Capt. Zatzarcleng	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Oseroff	Port Arthur
Rasboynica	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1786	Comdr. Liven	Chemulpo
Retwizan	Russian battleship	12,902	16	16,000	—	Port Arthur
Rossia	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	68	17,000	Captain Sepelrennipoff	Vladivostock
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	13,250	Capt. Matusevich	Mazampo
Sevastopol	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Serebrennikoff	Port Arthur
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sivootch	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1120	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Tsarévitch	Russian battleship	12,900	16	16,300	—	Port Arthur
Varyag	Russian cruiser	6500	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	500	9	3300	Comdr. Zagordansky-Kissol	Port Arthur
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1230	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Capt. J. H. Rodgers	Honolulu
Callao	U. S. cruiser	235	—	—	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3213	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Honolulu
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	1600	Captain Denfild	Singapore
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	540	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1988	Comdr. Staunton	Shanghai
*Kentucky	U. S. flagship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	Honolulu
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1370	6	850	Comdr. Denfield	Taku
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. W. H. Beehler	Hongkong
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3437	20	—	Commander Blocklinger	Honolulu
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,288	45	—	Captain Burwell	Kobe
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	4000	—	—	Commander G. L. Dyer	Hongkong
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Captain Nazaro	Honolulu
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	13	1118	Commander Marshall	Shanghai
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. L. C. Bertolette	Shanghai
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1894	Commander U. R. Harris	Hongkong

* Flagship of Rear-Admiral R. D. Evans.

There is also a Philippines U.S. Squadron, Commanded by Rear-Admiral P. H. Cooper.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
Register of Shares of The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 20th January, 1904, inclusive.
Goods per *Sachsen* undelivered after after this date subject to rent

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 16:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.
11 a.m.—Auction of Two Field Spaniels, at Messrs Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.
Noon—Auction of a Consignment of Japanese Porcelain, &c. at Mr Geo. Lammert's Sales Rooms.
Noon—Auction of a s.s. *San Cheung*, at the Hillier Street Wharf, Hongkong.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of an Assortment Japanese Curios, &c., at Mr V. I. Remedios' Sales Rooms.
9 p.m.—A Concert of Hongkong Volunteer Corps at City Hall.
Transfer Books of The National Bank of China, Ld., closed from this date to the 30th inst., inclusive.
Register of Shares of The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ld., close from this date to the 27th January, inclusive.
Register of Shares of The West Point Building Co., Ld., close from this date to the 27th January, inclusive.

MONDAY, January 18:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the Public Works Department's Offices.
Goods per *Palma* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

BIRTH.

On Saturday, the 5th Dec., at Hortensia, Lennox-road, Southsea, the wife of J. C. HALAHAN, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, of a Son (stillborn).

MARRIAGE.

PRICE—DURSTON—On the 13th January, at All Saints Church, Blackheath, London, by the Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, Vicar of St. Alfege, Greenwich; assisted by the Rev. H. Welsford Snell, Vicar of All Saints, HERBERT PRICE, of Hongkong and Manila, to ETHEL MILDRED, third daughter of Engineer Rear-Admiral Sir John Durston, K.C.B., Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet. (By Cable.)

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

CHINESE LABOUR FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Notwithstanding that the mine-owners of South Africa have produced conclusive proof that it will be necessary for them to import some kind of Asiatic labour into the country if they are to work their holdings at a profit, and that the Legislative Council of the Transvaal, at the instance of Sir George Farrar, passed a motion in support of the introduction of Chinese, Home papers still rail bitterly against the proposal. It would appear from this constant screaming that the men who live furthest away from the country, and who know least about it, are the strongest in their condemnation of the proposition put forward by those on the spot as a solution of the great problem confronting all mining enterprises there. And it is significant that whilst heaping vituperation upon the heads of Asiatic labour advocates the writers seated snugly in their offices in London never put forward one suggestion to overcome the difficulty in another way. Native labour is scarce in South Africa without a doubt, and recent advices show that what there is of it is lazy and requires constant supervision before any good can be got out of it. In Rhodesia, the scarcity is said to be particularly acute owing to the fact that the majority of the natives of that territory have been attracted south by the mines and farms of the Witswaters rand, and it is reported that unless something is done to alleviate the distress, many of the mines will have to be closed down. To work the mines either in Rhodesia or the Transvaal with white labour would be out of the question as the wages that would be demanded would be from 10s to 12s a day even for unskilled labour, and that would be much more than each man could produce. In addition to that the cost of carriage of the product over the lines is exorbitant, and that is an expense that has to be met before any return at all can be secured. High wages and high freights and profits of any description are not synonymous, and if the people of the gold-producing colonies persist and are successful in their efforts to keep the yellow man out, they will lose rather than gain in prosperity, for it will at once mean the crippling of big enterprises and the stagnation of many others dependent upon them. The strangest thing about the opposition raised against the importation of cheap labour is that whereas nothing much is said about 'the poor white working man'—a cry that rings through Australia when any competition from outside is suggested—a great deal is made out of the allegation that once the Chinaman is allowed to enter the country, there will be no getting him out of it. Arguments of that character are simply nonsense, for it is in the hands of legislators to see that no Chinaman is allowed to stay in the country above a certain period. Legislation could be passed to safeguard the country against such a contingency. Coolies could be introduced under indenture to serve a prescribed number of years and then be returned to their own country, and whilst the law was enforced in that direction there would never be any danger of their overrunning the country or even spreading beyond the compounds of the mines employing them. Coolies could profitably do developmental work that it would be a dead loss to give to white men, and by doing that work cheaply they would so open the way to increased wealth that all would participate in it. Nothing definite is so far known about the supply of labour from China, but Mr F. Perry, Chairman of the Witswatersrand Native Labour Association, is at present in Hongkong making investigations, and after he returns from the North, whither he sails shortly, he will be able to say what is the outlook for constant supplies.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A German Consul Dies.

A Chinanfu telegram, dated Jan. 8, to the *N.-C. Daily News*, says:—The German Consul, Dr. Lange, died here suddenly this afternoon of heart failure, after suffering from gout for a fortnight. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Hongkong Garrison.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of India*, due here next week, has on board the 83rd Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, for Hongkong, where it relieves the 89th Company. The 83rd Company comes from Esquimalt, and embarked on the *Empress* at Vancouver. There is a rumour that the 89th Company will be retained here until the northern crisis is ended, but it is more likely that this Company will leave for Rangoon and Calcutta on the *Dilwara*, which is carrying out a trooping voyage.

The German Colonies.

The German Government proposes to lay before the Reichstag shortly a Bill for the establishment of Legislative Councils, on the English Colonial model, in each of the German Colonies. It is provided in the Bill that Colonial Governors shall appoint the civil members of these so-called Assistant Councils, but are not bound to adopt their decisions. The proposed measure meets with a good deal of opposition. German South-West Africa already has a Legislative Council, consisting of freely-elected members, which is said to be working satisfactorily.

British Shipping Interests.

At the annual dinner of the Liverpool Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society Lord Inverclyde, in responding to the toast of shipping interests, stated that our shipping laws were out of date. The time had come when the question of the navigation and shipping laws of this country must be faced and reconsidered. Foreign ships that came to our ports ought to be put in exactly the same position as British vessels. They did not ask for any position of advantage over their foreign rivals, but they desired to be able to compete with them on equal terms in the home ports.

Band at King Edward Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and Officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, on Friday, the 15th inst. (weather permitting):—

March.....'Sons of the Empire' .....Bradford
Overture.....'Der Kœnigs Lieutenant' .....Emil Titt
Selection.....'The Toreador' ..Ivan Caryl
Cornet Solo..'Love, Could I only tell Theo' .....Capel
Selection.....'French Melodies'...Kappey
Valtz .....'Idyll'.....Waldteufel
Intermezzo...'Eudoria' .....André
GOD SAVE THE KING.

Reciprocity.

The following indicates how Mr Chamberlain's proposals are arousing business men outside Great Britain:—A paper in favour of Reciprocity between the United States and Canada, by Mr John Charlton, a member of the Canadian House of Commons, and Joint High Commissioner on Trade Relations in 1897, was read before the Chamber of Commerce at Boston on the 10th December. The British Preferential trade issue would, the writer asserted, create new conditions, and Canada would have to choose between Preferential Trade and Reciprocity. It was time that the United States should in its own interests manifest a spirit of fairness and generosity towards Canada.

Hongkong and the Fiscal Policy.

A writer in the *Daily Press* this morning says, in effect, Hongkong should not support Mr Chamberlain's fiscal policy because the application of that statesman's proposals would involve the taxation of the Colony's food supply, and the taxation of the raw materials used in the manufacture of sugar locally. This is a striking example of narrow-mindedness. It does not follow that Hongkong will have to tax its food supplies; but in any case, whatever taxes are imposed in Great Britain and the great self-governing Colonies it is far from likely that any violent changes will be attempted in the Crown Colonies. We take it that each Colony's special position will be considered. Only a novice in political economy could imagine a rigid system of tariffs for the whole of an Empire, with its varying interests and differing conditions of life.

'Your Majesty,' said the Grand Vizier, 'is it proper to say the Balkans is or the Balkans are?' 'I say,' thundered the Sulton, 'the Balkans be—' But his further remarks of course, were unfit for publication.

'HAVE you ever shed real tears while acting?' asked the inquisitive girl. 'No,' answered Mr Stormington Barnes. 'I have felt like it sometimes, but I make it a rule never to let my box-office cares intrude on my art.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Early this month there was sufficient ice at Kobe to allow of skating.

The Pollard Comedy Company, after playing for a brief season at Singapore, sailed for Australia by the *Coosparra*.

Wor. Bro. R. A. Ord has been appointed D.S.G.W., and Wor. Bro. C. A. V. Bowra, D.J.G.W., of the District Grand Lodge of North China.

We have received from Messrs Dodwell & Co., agents for the Standard Life Assurance Co., a very useful blotter, together with a neat pocket diary and a wall date block.

The death is announced of Prince Konoye, Privy Councellor and Principal of the Peers' College, which occurred at his residence at Tokyo on Jan. 2. The Prince was 42 years of age.

The appointment of John Mitford Atkinson, Esq., M.B. (Principal Civil Medical Officer), to be an Official Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Hongkong is gazetted.

The Sultan of Johore has gone to Europe with his motor car, chauffeur, and retinue of servants. He expects to be away about two years. From Marseilles he will travel to Paris in his car.

A sum of yen 30,000 has gone astray in the Tokyo branch of the Bank of Japan. Mr Nakayama, Director of the Cashiers' Department, and some other officers in the Bank, have been placed on the retired list on account of this incident.

The King and the 'Victory.'

An official order has been promulgated intimating that, by the King's command, all men at Portsmouth Naval Barracks are to wear the *Victory's* name on their caps.

Hitherto the men have worn the name of *Fire Queen*, the Port Admiral's yacht. The new order has been given with a view of keeping the *Victory* as prominent as possible.

Concert at St. Patrick's Club.

At the St. Patrick's Hall last night a complimentary farewell concert was tendered to Mr W. T. Burgess and Mr W. F. Rogers by the St. Patrick's Club. There was a large attendance of Club members and their friends, and a programme of interesting items was provided. Most of the vocal items were very well received and a highly successful entertainment was given.

Cablegram to Mr Chamberlain.

The following is the copy of the cablegram despatched by the Committee of the Hongkong branch of the China Association yesterday to Mr Joseph Chamberlain:—'Large majority of members Hongkong Branch China Association warmly support your fiscal aims. Consider reciprocal treaties absolutely necessary, failing which recommend adoption retaliation.' We understand that only two members of the committee voted against the despatch of the message.

Queen Victoria and the Phonograph.

Our London correspondent writes:—H.M. the King has approved the promotion of Sir John Harrington, H.B.M. Agent in Abyssinia, to the rank of a Minister Plenipotentiary at the court of the Emperor Menelek. Apropos of this notification an anecdote is worth recalling. Queen Victoria only once spoke into a phonogmph. This was a friendly greeting to the Negus, and her express stipulation was that the record should be destroyed as soon as the message had been delivered. Sir John Harrington produced the phonograph before Menelek, and, in spite of the demand of the gratified emperor for the precious record, insisted on scrupulously obeying his orders, and stamped the cylinder to fragments as soon as he had left the tent.

Chinese Labour for South Africa.

Writing on the question of Chinese labour for South Africa our London correspondent says:—The Transvaal has a little Cabinet crisis all of its own. Mr Wybergh, the Commissioner of Mines, is strongly opposed to the employment of Chinese labour, and has resigned in order that he may denounce it, unmuzzled by ministerial responsibility. Meanwhile the Cabinet, like Brer Fox, keeps on laying low and keeps on saying nuffin. One of the wildest yarns of the week is that the Chinese government have resolved to prohibit the export of labourers to South Africa. This is only a forcible expression of the well-known fact that a plentiful application of palm oil will be necessary both in Peking and in Kwangtung to lubricate the machinery if any large emigration is engineered.

HE was such a little nipper that the ladies had no idea he was a midshipman at all, but took him for somebody's 'dear little boy,' ing seven and-elevenpenny 'Royal Navy all serge.' At last one of them, on whose lap he had been sitting, and who had just kissed him, asked—'And how old is he, ickle dear?' 'Twenty-two, puse!' he said, in a voice like a foghorn.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Football.

The V.R.C.F.C. will play the Royal Artillery at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 16th inst., at Causeway Bay. The following will represent the V.R.C.F.C.:—Forwards, H. W. Sayer, H. T. Holmes, Another, A. Marti, J. Clelland; half backs, E. R. Herton, J. Forbes, H. Gidley; backs, J. Witchell, R. Lapsley; Goal, W. A. Crake.

Curing Malignant Diseases.

Our London correspondent, writing on December 11, says that Mr Marritt, F.R.S., gave the Bradshaw lecture to the Royal College of Surgeons, taking Cancer as a subject. His conclusions were mainly negative. There is no microbe, no protozoon, no bacterium, no fungus and no contagion. He points to its curability by surgical means, cutting the growth entirely out before it is too deeply established, or perhaps cauterising it with radium. The twentieth century probably has in store for our children the abolition of both cancer and consumption, and any scheme towards these ends has at least as imperative a claim on public funds as the task of smashing the Mullah. Yet this week, Battersea borough council has been surcharged by the Local Government Board, for the expenditure on a sterilised milk depot which has reduced the borough's infant mortality from one in five to one in seven. If such spending is illegal, it is to be hoped that legislation will soon legalise it.

Damming the Thames.

Prominent among the interesting schemes to be laid before Parliament when it reassembles on Feby. 2, is the treatment of the Thames, says our London Correspondent. The Government have their bill, the Dock Companies have theirs, and a couple of engineers (Messrs Casey and Barber) have their own stupendous proposal. They say Dam the Thames! The idea is to close the river between Tilbury and Gravesend with a dam like the one at Assouan, checking the tides at that point and converting the forty miles from Tilbury to Teddington into a long lake, on which the largest steamers could come up to London Bridge at any hour of day or night, securing a minimum depth of 30 feet without dredging. The design provides four lock gates, a road along the dam, and a tunnel beneath it, and the cost is estimated at from four to five millions. If the exclusion of the tides should make the river stagnant throughout the length of the village, other people will repeat the suggestion of the engineers, with a difference.

Solicitors Admitted.

At the Supreme Court to-day, Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C., made an application to the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Goodman) for the admission of Mr Otto Kong Sing as an Attorney and Proctor. Mr Otto Kong Sing had been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of England. Mr E. H. Sharp, K.C., applied for the admission of Mr Dudley Vaughan Steavenson, who had been admitted to the Supreme Court, England, in July, 1902; and for the admission of Mr Arthur Conrad Holborow, who had been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, England, in November last. The two latter gentlemen were to join the firm of Messrs Deacon, Looker and Deacon, and were approved of subject to a further affidavit of identity being filed. Mr Otto Kong Sing was admitted without reservation. After admitting them to practice the Chief Justice said:—With regard to these gentlemen admitted to-day, I feel confident, having regard to the papers I read, that you will worthily maintain the reputation and dignity of the profession to which you belong. I wish you success in your practice.'

An Ex-Cobdenite Speaks Out.

Mr Alfred Gilbey, of Wooburn House, Buckinghamshire, formerly Liberal candidate for South Buckinghamshire, who joined the Unionist Party at the last General Election, has written as follows to the Political Agent of the South Buckinghshire Conservative Association in reference to the Fiscal Question:—'For many years I was a member of the Cobden Club. One of the chief objects of that Club was to convert other nations to the policy of Free Trade. At our annual dinners we were often addressed by foreign gentlemen, who encouraged us in the belief that their respective countries were slowly but surely coming to our way of thinking. I begin to think now that they were simply sent over to "kid" us on in our Free Trade policy, for after all these years we have failed to make a single convert, and people like myself, who are not bound by any party ties, are beginning to doubt the onesided Free Trade, for whilst our own exports are decreasing, the trade of Germany, France, and America is steadily advancing. Mr Chamberlain's proposals appeal to me as a business man, and I intend to give him my humble support.'

TELEGRAMS.

['CHINA MAIL'S' EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUPPLIED BY REUTER, *via* BOMBAY.

THE WAR CLOUD.

A SIGNIFICANT SPEECH BY MR BALFOUR.

Treaty Obligations Will be Carried Out.

LONDON, January 13.

Mr A. J. Balfour, Prime Minister, during an address at Manchester, said that he declined to speak on the chances of either peace or war in the Far East.

None, added Mr Balfour, contemplates the possibility of hostilities between two great civilised nations without misgiving and depression.

He hoped, however, that it was unnecessary for him to say that Great Britain would fully carry out all her treaty obligations with regard to any of ings her allies.

The Feeling in London.

(*From Our Own Correspondent*).

LONDON, December 11.

We are still nervously awaiting fresh developments in the Corean question. The day's telegrams are pacific in promise, but they seem Made in St. Petersburg. A sort of a war is threatening also between the United States and Colombia, i.e. military operations which do not require the assent of Congress as a declaration of war would. The white man's burden is becoming daily heavier East and West, while in the Middle East, Britain has her own expedition to Tibet. At the same time, with wars, rumours of wars, ill news, fiscalitis, weather (the last week's record here is, fog, fog, rain, rain, rain, and fog) London is a depressing place even though Christmas is coming on imperceptibly.

Russia's attitude in the Far East is amusing, and the general course of Russian foreign movement is a five act farce somewhat as follows:—Act I. Troops are poured into Maskeewhair and seize the place. Act II. Protests are received and Russia explains that nothing whatever has happened. Act III. Pie crust treaties are engrossed and playful promises made, in order to throw dust in the bird's eyes if Russia has failed to put salt on the bird's tail. Act IV. Some local disturbances give Russia the excuse to pour in more troops for police purposes. Act V. The annexation is boldly proclaimed, and Russia really thought that everybody knew all about it long ago! This is the game that will go on till the aggressor knocks up against something a little harder than himself.

Russians Mobilising.

A London telegram to the Osaka *Mainichi* dated Dec. 31, says that it is reported from Russia that a first contingent, numbering 1,000 of the troops now being mobilised at Nigni Novgorod will shortly leave for the Far East. The Manchurian correspondent of the *Daily Mail* states that the volunteer at Niedaieff cruisers *Kazan* and *Ekaterinoslav* have been recalled to the Black Sea, it being feared that they might be captured on route for the Mediterranean.

The *Kazan* was to carry two thousand troops, for the Far East. The *National Zeitung* states that Russia is withdrawing the railway troops from the Warsaw frontier and sending them to Manchuria.

Fight Russia Single Handed.

A *Nichi Nichi* telegram from Peking says that a certain Chinese high official states that China has been urged by Japan to assume strict neutrality in case hostilities break out between Japan and Russia, and that it is therefore believed that Japan will fight Russia single-handed. Russia has also proposed to China, that the latter should assume a neutral attitude in case of war and has guaranteed the preservation of the Chinese Empire. Most of the leading officials in the Chinese court do not believe in the bona fides of the Russian proposal.

Protest Against Open Ports.

The Russian Minister to Peking addressed a note to the Chinese Government to-day, opposing the certain opening of three places in Manchuria, says a telegram to the *Mainichi* from Peking on Jan. 2. Prince Ching replied promptly that the opening of these places has been granted to America and Japan by Treaty, and that China was therefore unable to prevent it. The Russian Minister is believed to be attempting to secure some privilege as a set off for the opening of these places.

A Success (?) for Japan.

There are many rumours current in regard to Russia's and Japan's movements in Corea, says a Berlin wire to the *Der Ostasiatische Lloyd*, dated Jan. 7. The European Press does not expect from these movements any danger of war so long as Russia will not really attack Japan in South Corea, or Japan attack Russia in Manchuria. According to the statements of the representatives of both Powers such a step is not probable. The final occupation of South Corea by Japan, is considered here a great success for Japan and is, as it was foreshadowed, by the whole German Press, heartily welcomed.

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A Dearth of Army and Warlike Store.

A Nanking dispatch to Pekiug states that the officials of the Ordnance Board in that city have been busily occupied during the past week in distributing Mausers to a number of new battalions raised since the Manchurian crisis became acute, and in exchanging old-fashioned rifles used by old regiments for the new ones stored in the ordnance godowns. 'According to the books' in the Ordnance department there should have been, it is alleged, new rifles and ammunition sufficient to arm 30,000 men, but it seems that although only 13,000 arms have been distributed the supply has suddenly stopped, while of ammunition there is only sufficient for a fortnight's campaign should hostilities commence. This alarming condition of affairs having been reported to Viceroy Wei Ku ng-tao, in which the blame has naturally been laid on the previous administration, H. E. has sent an agent to this port and also to Japan to purchase without delay a large number of rifles, and if possible ammunition also. Should this be not forthcoming, there is no help for it but to fall back upon the cartridge factories of Shanghai, Nganking, Nanchang, and Nanking.

War Would Not Pay Russia.

Herr von Brandt, who was German Minister in Pekin from 1874 till 1894, writing in the *Neues Freie Presse* on December 11 on the Russo-Japanese Question, remarks that a certain indecision is clearly noticeable in Russian policy. He adds:—

'Russia wants to gain time for completing her preparations, but there are other reasons, too, which make her reflect. The cost of war with Japan would be enormous. The political and Military responsibility would be greater still, because even defeat would only paralyse Japan temporarily. Russia is not strong enough to annihilate her adversary; and, in the end, England would not dare to allow it, much as she would, perhaps, like to. If, however, Japan is only partially and temporarily defeated, this would mean that Russia would be obliged to maintain a very large army in Manchuria and Corea for many decades, which would seriously impede her freedom of action in other parts of Asia and in Europe. Moreover she has not the means herself, and could hardly procure them from others, to open up either Manchuria or Corea, both of which are rich in products. A victory over Japan would, therefore, be of little use. At any rate, the Japanese, by what we saw of them from 1894 to 1895, and again from 1900 to 1901, seem better prepared and better equipped than the Russians; and, in Manchuria, they could count upon more than the passive assistance of the native population. The mounted brigands, for instance, numbering many thousands, could be turned into powerful auxiliaries, if led by intelligent and smart Japanese officers, to harass the Russian lines of communication. It would then be exactly the opposite in Corea. There the people sympathise with Russia and hate Japan, as the oppressors who have ridden the country ever since the Sixteenth Century and the last time in 1894. The attitude of the British Government in the question reminds one of her thirty-five years' masterly inactivity in regard to Afghanistan. That cost England three wars and innumerable sacrifices in men and money which, by energetic action at the beginning, might have been saved.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS.

LONDON, January 12.

It is announced in Berlin that Russia's proposals to Japan are essentially as follows: (1) Japan is accorded various concessions in Corea; (2) Japan is allowed to deal with Southern Corea economically and strategically as her interests may require; (3) Russia leaves Japan full commercial freedom in Northern Corea, but neither nor in Southern Corea shall Japan permanently occupy any fortresses whether on the coast or in the interior; (4) The establishment of a neutral fifty kilometre zone along the Yalu to Tiumen, where neither Japan nor Russia shall establish fortresses, the Straits of Corea to be neutral and free to Russian ships; (5) Russia accepts no conditions in reference to Manchuria, but is ready to accord Japan and other powers representation for commercial interests. It is also stated that Russia has notified the Powers that she will respect all rights in Manchuria granted under treaties with China.

UNREST IN THE BALKANS.

Advices from all the Balkan countries point to the certainty of a general conflagration in the Spring; this is regarded as an important factor in the Far Eastern situation because Russia is not likely to desire to be engaged both in the Near and the Far East.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 11th at 11.50a. The barometer has risen quickly over N. China, fallen over Japan, except in the NE.

An area of high pressure lies now over N. China, and the depression is approaching E. Japan from the Westward.

Strong monsoon will set in again over the Formosa Channel, and N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—NE. winds, freshening; fair at first, drizzling rain or mist later; cooler.

Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, January 14, 1904.

New Patna, cash,	1255
Old Patna, cash,	—
New Benares, cash,	1255
Old Benares, cash,	—
New Malwa, credit,	950/1000
Allowance. Taels,	—
Last Year,	104 1/1080
Allowance Taels.	—
Old Malwa credit,	1145
Allowance, Taels,	—
Persian, Oily, cash,	—
Allowance, Taels,	—
Persian, Paper tied,	820/850
Allowance, Taels	—

TELEGRAMS.

[SINGAPORE FREE PRESS SERVICE.]

THE PENANG SHIPPING CASE.

PENANG, Jan. 5.

In the case of H. de Lally Wood, R. Perry, and W. C. Swan, against Koe Guan and Co, Mr Justice Law gave judgment yesterday afternoon.

Capt. Wood was awarded damages to an amount to be determined by the Registrar.

Messrs Swan and Perry were awarded nothing.

The question of costs was reserved.

[This was a case of what were the 'Coast Wages,' and whether the defendants had fulfilled their contracts. Wood was engaged in Wellington, N.Z., to bring the *Rotorua* to Penang and thereafter to be employed as first mate on coast wages for six months. It was contended that coast wages were £17 10 0 per month; the Company offered $180. The claim was for $2,000 for breach of contract or in the alternative for wrongful dismissal. Swan and Perry were similarly engaged. The case was taken up by the Singapore Merchant Service Guild.]

[STRAITS TIMES SERVICE.]

THE 'BINGO' IN COLLISION.

PENANG, January 5.

The N.Y.K. liner *Bingo Maru*, while swinging to the tide at her moorings, collided with the German steamer *Sumatra*, and did damage to the extent of $2,500.

Both vessels were anchored at the time.

The s.s. *Glengyle* had some difficulty in heaving up her anchor owing to the position of the *Bingo Maru*.

GANG ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE IN PERAK.

PENANG, January 5.

There has been a gang robbery at Bidor on the Tapah Road. Mr Davies was wounded. One highwayman was shot in four places and one was captured.

The robbers are being pursued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MISSIONARIES AND THE CHINESE.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Kweilin, Kwangsi.

SIR,—In your issue of Dec. 10 just to hand, I notice the letter of 'T. E. C.' on 'Missionaries and the Chinese.' As 'T. E. C.' shows but slight acquaintance with his subject, I will attempt to enlighten him on one point.

'Soap is the first thing required,' he says. 'Cleanliness is next to godliness,' says the maxim, and it is remarkable how it is exemplified among the Chinese, who come into contact with the missionary and his message. True converts usually undergo radical changes about washing and the use of soap. I know in some parts that previous to partaking of the Holy Communion, a thorough wash of clothes and person takes place.

Re soap, if 'T. E. C.' could live here for a month, and hear the continual requests made for soap, both from servants and friends, which often, from sheer necessity, have to be refused, he would realise that an ordinary missionary is an apostle of cleanliness as well as a preacher of godliness.

If 'T. E. C.' really would like to help in making the Chinese cleaner, may I ask him for a contribution, which I promise shall be spent on soap for the Chinese. Or, if he prefers to send a case of soap to Messrs Banker and Co., Wuchow, West River, it will be forwarded to me here and used for the same purpose. I am, yours faithfully,

LOUIS BYRDE, C.M.S.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The following cards were returned at the quarterly meeting held from the 9th to the 11th January:—

MACEWEN CUP.

Mr H. C. T. Dowding ...	86– 8=78	
Hon. G. Stewart	85– 4=81	
Mr J. Johnstone	86– 5=81	
Dr J. K. Raymond ...	90– 9=81	
Mr J. Douglas	88– 6=82	
Mr A. U. Campbell ...	89– 7=82	
Mr N. J. Stabb	94–12=82	
Mr A. C. Butt	97–14=83	
Mr C. E. H. Beavis ...	84– 0=84	
Mr C. W. May	89– 5=84	
Mr E. J. Grist	89– 3=86	
Mr P. R. Scott	95– 9=86	
Mr J. Stodard...	98–12=86	

33 entries.

BOGEY AND MARTIN CUP.

Mr A. U. Campbell	1 up
Mr N. J. Stabb	all square
Mr John Johnstone	all square
Mr H. C. T. Dowding... ...	1 down
Mr J. Douglas	1 down
Hon. G. Stewart	2 down
Mr A. C. Butt	2 down
Mr A. J. Williams	2 down
Mr C. E. H. Beavis	3 down
Mr P. R. Scott	6 down

33 entries.

POOL.

Mr A. U. Campbell ...	84– 7=77	
Mr J. K. Raymond ...	88– 9=79	
Hon. G. Stewart	85– 4=81	
Mr John Johnstone ...	86– 5=81	
Mr C. W. May	89– 5=84	
Mr A. C. Butt	93– 9=84	
Mr E. J. Grist	89– 3=86	

29 entries.

Memoranda.

TUESDAY, January 19:—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of the whole of his Valuable Household Furniture, &c., at No. 5, Stewart Terrace, the Peak.
Goods per *Ernest Simons* unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

WEDNESDAY, January 20:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.
Goods per *Macduff* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 21:—
Goods per *Kamakura Maru* not cleared on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 22:—
3 p.m.—Sale of Valuable Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, January 27:—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The West Point Building Co., Ld., at the Company's Offices.
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ld., at the Company's Offices.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge.)

Thursday, January 14.

A QUESTION OF WIRE RIGGING.

Messrs A. Ross and Company sued the Ching Hop firm, Wing Lok Street, for $708.11, being loss sustained by the plaintiffs by the resale of wire rigging of which defendants had refused to take delivery.

Mr E. A. Bonner (of Messrs Dennys and Bowley) appeared for the plaintiffs, while defendants were represented by Mr J. Hastings.

Mr Bonner said that the action was one for damages for breach of a contract for the sale of fifty tons of wire rigging. The contract was dated December 18, 1902 and stipulated that the rigging should be of fair quality, not too much worn or rusty, as good quality as possible; to arrive by January or February shipment. The wire arrived in due time and eventually the defendants refused to take delivery of it. Some of the rigging arrived on March 20.

The Puisne Judge—Was it in time?

Mr Bonner—March would be January or February shipment, and the last lot arrived on June 2. When the last lot arrived the defendants for the first time refused to take delivery and the order at Home had to be cancelled. The first two lots arrived in time, and they refused to take delivery on account of quality.

Mr Hastings.—I do not think we should go into the question of quality to start with. They did not deliver the goods mentioned in the contract, and so broke it.

Mr Bonner—I submit that defendants broke the contract by refusing to take delivery of the first two lots.

Evidence was then led, and the further hearing was adjourned until Friday, Jan. 15.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before His Honour Sir Wm. Goodman, Chief Justice).

In the matter of the Wo On steamship Company Limited, Mr M. W. Slade appeared for the Company and asked that a receiving order be made. The company owing to bad trade was insolvent, but had very substantial assets, although not quite sufficient to pay the liabilities in full. The only possible course was to cease trading and have the Company wound up.

The Chief Justice—The assets are about $31,000 and the liabilities $45,000.

Mr. Slade—Yes. Two-thirds or three-fourth, of the debts can be paid.

The Chief Justice—I see you have appointed a provisional receiver.

Mr Slade—Yes. He was appointed to secure the assets, but was only appointed until the hearing of the petition.

The Chief Justice—Or until further orders. I will deal with that in my order.

Mr Slade—I would ask you to continue him; he has given security to the extent of $30,000.

The Chief Justice—This company appears to have been incorporated in April 1902, and commenced to work passenger traffic between Hongkong and certain ports on the West River, and generally to carry on a shipping business. In less than a year's time they got into difficulty, and they say their business is going on at a daily loss. Under these circumstances, I think it is the right thing to wind the Company up and I make an order to that effect. The provisional receiver to be appointed Official Receiver subject to proper security being given, the same amount as before.

On the application of Mr Slade, the Chief Justice granted leave to the Official Receiver to secure the services of a solicitor to assist him.

APPLICATION FOR RECEIVING ORDER.

Chan Yik Cho, *alias* Chan Fang, carrying on business under the styles of Kwong Yik and Kwong Cheung ex parte the debtor.

Mr F. x d'Almada e Castro appeared for the petitioning creditor. The liabilities were $53,096.06, and the assets $25,553.37, of which 40 per cent of the latter are good debts and the remainder doubtful debts.

Mr d'Almada said that the petition was filed on December 23, and that Chan Yik Cho carried on two separate rice shops.

The Chief Justice to Chan Yik Cho—Why do you want to have two different firms?

Chan Yik Cho—I had one shop, then I found I could carry on another one.

The Chief Justice—You speculated in rice and lost money. Was that it?

Chan Yik Cho—Yes.

The Chief Justice—You know, I don't like two different shops. One could draw bills on the other shop, and a lot of iniquity goes on. Why didn't you trade in your own name? If you could not make one pay why did you open another?

Chan Yik Cho—When I started I was doing pretty well.

The Chief Justice—Then why did you not continue to do pretty well with one shop?

Chan Yik Cho—When I opened the second shop people who owed me money cheated me.

The Chief Justice—Altogether you say forty per cent of the assets are good debts. When were the two shops opened?

Chan Yik Cho—The first shop was opened early in 1900, and the second one about a year ago. When I opened the second shop I had sufficient to pay my debts.

The Chief Justice—How came you to lose $40,000 last year?

Chan Yik Cho—I had various sums owing me from Japan, Australia, and California. I send goods there, but remittances were not sent to me.

The Chief Justice—You have friends there, and go bankrupt, then have a little fortune in each place. I cannot understand how you lost 340,000 in one year selling rice.

The receiving order was made, and Mr Bruce Shepherd was appointed Official Receiver.

AN ORDER REFUSED.

The San Choi Brick Co. asked that a receiving order be made in the estate of the Shing Kee firm.

Mr John Hays appeared on behalf of the petitioning creditor and asked that a receiving order be made in the estate of the Shing Kee firm. The debtors in the case were partners in the Ching Kee firm and carried on business as contractors. The creditors, San Choi Brick Company, sold them timber and materials for the purpose of their business, and in July last year there was a considerable balance due from the Shing Kee firm to the San Choi Brick Co. The Company sued two of the partners, but when the writ was served the debtors disappeared, and had not since been heard of. The assets included a sum of money really due to the Shing Kee firm under contract for the building of a house for Mr Murray Bain. Mr Bain contracted with a certain firm, and Mr Hays understood that this firm transferred the contract to the Shing Kee firm. This firm was composed of several partners, but the two debtors were the only ones that were known by the San Choi Brick Company.

The Chief Justice—Mr Murray Bain was attached by these two debtors, and the Supreme Court decided that they were not entitled to the money.

Mr Hays—Mr Bain must pay the money to someone, and as soon as it is paid the debtors will return and get the money. It is a trick of theirs.

Mr Thomson, who watched the proceedings on behalf of Chin Tak and Pang Nam, who claimed the money due as assignees to the Kin Hop Lung firm, in answer to a question from the Chief Justice, said that he was only watching the proceedings, as his clients claimed the money.

The Chief Justice—I cannot give decision on that point. Mr Bain is willing to pay the money, but does not know to whom to pay it.

The order was refused, as the Chief Justice did not consider the assets warranted the issuing of the order.

VOLUNTEERS' CONCERT.

The following is the programme to be submitted at the Volunteers' Concert on Saturday night:—

PART I.

Selection ...'Love in Idleness'...The Band
Song.....'An April Birthday'.....
Mr G. H. Edwards
Song .....'May Day'...Miss Murray Bain
Song...'I have got something to be thankful for'...Bombardier Stephenson
Song.....'Star of my Heart'.....
Lieut. Geo. P. Lammert
Violin Solo .....'Cavatina'...Mrs A. Ough
Song...'Phyllis is my only Joy'...
Mr P. W. Goldring
Song...'I have had a good day to-day'
Mr H. Arundell Tozer
Selection.....'Rose of Persia'...The Band

PART II.

Selection,... ..... Country Girl...The Band.
The Laughable Farce 'Ticklish Times,' in one Act, by J. M. MORTON.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Sir William Ramsay (a Jacobite Leader).....Copl. Hays.
Bodkins (a retired Linen-draper) .....Maj. Chapman.
Launcelot Griggs.....Lt. Northcote.
Jansen (a Dutch Smuggler) Bm. Stephenson.
1st Constable .....Lt. Danby.
Mrs Griggs .....Mrs Bunny.
Winifred (wife of Sir William).....Mrs Chichester.
Dot (Servant to Bodkins...Miss Bunny.

Scene—A Room in Bodkins' house, Weymouth.

'GOD SAVE THE KING.'

THE P. AND O. COMPANY.

At the ordinary general meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, held in London on Dec. 11, the Chairman (Sir Thomas Sutherland), in the course of his speech, said that it was constantly represented, and probably with considerable accuracy, that the revenue of the merchant shipping under their flag amounted to about £60,000,000 sterling per annum. Later on, in referring to the Trans-Siberian railway, he said:—There is another consideration and another difficulty which we may have to meet next year. You are, of course, aware that Russia has recently completed her great railway to Siberia, and that transit is made possible from London via Russia and Siberia, to ports in China, in a very much shorter time than could possibly be accomplished by sea. We cannot compete with a railway in point of rapidity of transit, but we can compete with a railway in point of fares, and accordingly we have decided to reduce our passenger fares to China very considerably from January 1 next. (Hear, hear.) Of course I cannot prophesy what may be the effect on our business of this railway competition, but it is just possible that the existence of that railway may prove to be a benefit to us, for that has been the case in connection with the development of the Pacific railways, which took away from us a great number of passengers from China and Japan, but which brought into existence a large extent of world travel from which we have derived our share of the benefit, and I think it is not at all impossible that the future working of the Siberian railway system may prove in the end to be not a disadvantage but eventually an advantage to this company. In that respect, however, it is impossible for me to enter on the realms of prophecy, and I will merely add that we, at all events, show that we feel no jealousy or ill-will in connection with the creation of this very great work, a work of which any country would have reason to be proud, because we have been for some considerable time negotiating with the Russian authorities for a system of through tickets or return tickets, so that passengers may have the great advantage of travelling by the Siberian railway, and the still greater advantage of coming home by the P. and O. Company. (Applause.)

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	date at On 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.12	30.11	30.01
Temperature	65	68	66
Humidity ...	69	82	96
Direction of Wind ...	ESE	—	—
Force	1	0	0
Weather	0	0	od
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 13th.....72
Lowest open air temperature on the 13th.....66

F. G. FIGG, *Acting Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 13th, 1904.

LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, December 11.

Herbert Spencer died on Tdesday morning at the age of eighty four, not of disease but of sheer and simple old age. The magnificent machine that had done work of so great value for so many decades had been worn out, and we are more inclined to envy the man who could so well earn his rest than even to deplore his loss. It is nearly five and forty years ago that he set himself the task of compiling the materials and evolving the superstructure of a complete corpus of philosophy, and though hampered by ill health and pecuniary straits he toiled on till he could write *finis* to the work after thirty-six years of sedulous toil by his assistants in collecting data, and himself in correlating them and drawing conclusions. His work was to systematise the doctrine of evolution and to establish this theory as the basic principle of all thought. Perhaps no man ever knew so many things while possessing at the same time so strong a power for combining items of knowledge and generalising from them. He did not force his fame, but fame found him as it must find the man who earns it by a long and strenuous life devoted to the highest ideals.

We are in the throes of a miniature general election as a result of the four deaths of members of parliament chronicled a fortnight ago, and the air is thick with speeches on the irrepressible fiscal question. In my neighbourhood the hoardings are covered with the command 'RETURN COATES,'—it looks unfortunately like 'RE Turncoats!' but of course it does not mean that. Experts of the highest authority are writing daily to the *Times* and proving irrefragably (1) that the steel rolling trade is utterly ruined, (2) that the steel rolling trade was never more prosperous, (3) and (4), that the same statements are true of the tin-plate manufacture. Meanwhile Mr, Chamberlain, as His Majesty's Agitator, pursues his crusade, with an ardour of support from the Unionists generally that seems to show that the resignation and its results are steps in a kind of collusive friendly suit where both parties have the same ends to gain. In a word both Mr Balfour and Mr Chamberlain agree that the house ought to be rebuilt, but the Prime Minister thinks the re-roofing it is as much as the public will stand at present. For the last three months every paper of repute has dished up its daily six columns of the fiscal question, and we shall have no abatement of the flood for the next two. Then the Talk shop will be open for them again and the talkers may give the rest of us a respite. Every one knows that public opinion is far more often wrong than right, but so wide is the suffrage that it is necessary for statesmen to waste, in educating their myriad masters, time that they could use far better if we had the blessing of oligarchic government. There, I have done it now. I can only say I am sorry, and I shall not break out that way again.

In spite of optimistic reports from Berlin there is no doubt that the Kaiser is seriously ill. The postponement of the promised return to the use of his voice and the talk of a regency all indicate that the reticence of his medical advisers covers real anxiety. The Crown prince is so young, and has given so small evidence of thoughtfulness hitherto, that newspaper readers throughout the world look with painful eagerness for reassuring bulletins. Just at present when commercial and marine questions abroad, and financial and political questions in Germany are so pressing, anything like a long and incapacitating illness, to suggest nothing worse, would be an international misfortune.

The Lord Chancellor, with Lord Justice Alverstone, and five other ornaments of the Bench, have decided that the Benchers of the Gray's Inn should not be compelled to admit Miss Bertha Cave as a student. Very wisely the Benchers were represented only by a printed statement of their case, so as to allow the lady the last word. Wisely also, Lord Halsbury and the rest did not venture to debate with Portia whether women should or should not be permitted to practise as barristers, but contented themselves with ruling that there was no precedent, and they were unwilling to make one. Miss Cave addressed the Court, and was wearing a blue blouse and pompoms on her hat, but these were no match for the legal maxims and the seven big guns. The prospect of a woman barrister is rather alarming, especially as a sufficient number years' efficient service at the bar leads to the Bench, and there are quite enough old women there already.

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LONDON, &c.	*Coromandel* G M. MONTFORD, R.N.R.	Noon, 16th January.	*See Special Advertisement*
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA S'PORE, P'ANG, CL'BO, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES	*Japan* E. P. MARTIN, R.N.R.	About 20th January.	Freight and Passage.
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S.S. *Sithonia*, Capt. HILDEBRANDT, } 23rd February, 1904. Freight.

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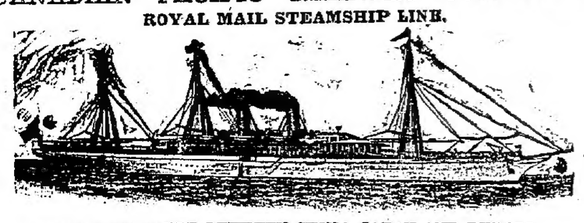

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
KAMAKURA MARU, H. PETERSON,	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 15th Jan., Daylight.
BOMBAY MARU, T. MURAI,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.
SANUKI MARU, W. TOWNSEND,	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., at Daylight.
ITO MARU, M. J. CURNOW,	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 p.m.
KUMANO MARU, C. H. BUTLER,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, at Noon.
HITACHI MARU, J. CAMPBELL,	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 29th Jan., at Daylight.
HAKATA MARU, F. L. SOMER,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 6th Feb., at Daylight.

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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PINGSUEY	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOYUNE	28th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLAUCUS	3rd February
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PAK LING	9th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	AGAMEMNON	19th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MENELAUS	25th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	RHIPEUS	25th February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANGTSZE	19th January.
* LIVERPOOL, WITH TRANSHIPMENT AT SINGAPORE	YANGTSZE	19th January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	2nd February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINTUCK	16th February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KEEMUN	18th February.
LONDON AND ANTWERP	MOYUNE	1st March.

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FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	CHENAN †	15th January.
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MANILA	SUNGKIANG *	20th January.
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Steamers.	Sailing Dates. 1904.
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BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.
GERA	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
HAMBURG *	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
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TAMSUI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY,	*DAIGI MARU*, T. W. GROYES,	SUNDAY, 17th January.
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY,	*ANPING MARU*, I. GOTO,	FRIDAY, 22nd January, at 10 a.m.
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Hongkong, January 8, 1903. 110

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Hongkong, January 4, 1904. 21

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Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 2676

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Hongkong, January 5, 1904. 74

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Hongkong, May 30, 1903. 611

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WEEK DAYS.

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8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m...Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m...Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m...Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m...Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m...Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m...Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m...Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m...Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m...Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m...Every 10 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m...Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 10 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

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9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m...Every 30 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m...Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m...Every 10 minutes.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m...Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m...Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m...Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m...Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m...Every 10 minutes.

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Hongkong, January 14, 1904. 1061

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Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER *ERNEST SIMONS*

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON ex s.s. *Malapan* and *Condonan*; from HAVRE ex. s.s. *Condonan*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the HONGKONG KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 p.m., To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 19th January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 19th January, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 19th January, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent*.

Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 81

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Laisang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. the 14th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE MATHESON, & CO., *General Managers*.

Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 73

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship *SACHSEN*, OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 15th January, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 15th January, at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 20th January, 1904, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO., *Agents*.

Hongkong, January 8, 1904 50

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER *PALMA*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 p.m. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, *Superintendent*.

Hongkong, January 12, 1904. 76

Notices to Consignees.

'MOGUL' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP *MACDUFF*.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of General Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., LTD., *Agents*.

Hongkong, January 13, 1904. 83

Insurances.

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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1902, £16,378,771.

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Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
Paid-up Capital £687,500 0 0
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Hongkong, June 20, 1903. 1537

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Hongkong, August 14, 1903. 1254

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Hongkong, June 10, 1903. 97

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E. F. GROS, *Acting Manager*.

Hongkong, December 1, 1902. 1364

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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND—
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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
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" 6 " 3½ " "
" 12 " 4 " "

J. R. M. SMITH, *Chief Manager*.

Hongkong, October 2, 1903. 366

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
J. R. M. SMITH, *Chief Manager*.

Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 1517

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL,.....£1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL, ...£ 324,374.

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GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months fixed ... ... 5%.

Hongkong, May 12, 1903. 117

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
PAID UP.....£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND.....£ 60,000
BANKERS:
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months .....4 %
" 6 " .....3½ %
" 3 " .....2½ %

EVAN ORMISTON, *Manager*.

Hongkong, May 25, 1903. 234

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ... ... „ 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED ... „ 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... ... „ 9,210,000
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On fixed deposits for 12 months, 5% per annum.
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TARO HODSUMI, *Manager*.

Hongkong, September 11, 1903. 589

Banks.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, ... Tls. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... „ 2,500,000

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" " 12 " ... 5%

E. W. RUTTER, *Manager*.

Hongkong, August 13, 1903. 1970

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CHARLES R. SCOTT, *Manager*

Hongkong, December 12, 1903. 161

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

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RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £725,000

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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
" " " 6 " 3½ %
" " " 3 " 2½ %

T. P. COCHRANE, *Manager*.

Hongkong, May 19, 1903. 46

DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, S'hai Tls. 5,000,000.

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H. FIGGE, *Manager*.

Hongkong, September 1, 1903 296

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Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa ...	lb	17
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	"	17
" Roast,—Shiu " "	"	17
" Breast,—Nagu Lam "	"	13
" Soup,—Tong Yuk	"	13
" Steak,—Ngan Yuk Pa	"	17
" " —Cutom Ngau Lau Sirloin ...	"	26
" Sausages,—Ngau Chaung	"	16
Bullock's Brains,—" Siow ...	per set	8
" Tongue fresh,—Ngau Li	each	45
" " corned—Ham Ngau Li	"	55
" Head,—Ngau Tau	"	55
" Heart,—Ngau Sum	lb.	9
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin ...	"	14
" Feet,—Ngau Kerk ...	each	8
" Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	"	8
" Tail—Ngau Mei	"	16
" Liver,—Ngau Con	lb.	9
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To ...	"	5
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-kak,	set	75
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Fai Kw ...	lb.	24
" Leg,—Yeung Pei	"	24
" Shoulder,—Yeung Shou	"	22
Pigs' Chitlings—Chi chong	"	7
" Brains—Chi Know ...	per set	2
" Feet,—Chi Kerk	"	12
" Fry,—Chi Chak	"	12
" Head,—Chi Tau	"	13
" Heart,—Chi Sum	each	9
" Kidneys,—Chi Yiu	"	6
" Liver,—Chi Con	lb.	24
Pork, Chop,—Chi Pai Kwat	"	18
" Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	"	18
" Leg,—Chu Pei	"	22
" Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	"	18
Sheeps' Head and Feet,—Yeung Tau Kwk	set	55
" Heart,—Yeung Sum ...	each	8
" Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu ...	"	10
" Liver,—Yeung Con	lb.	22
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai ...	"	16
Suet, Beef,—Sang Ngau Yau	"	17
" Mutton,—Sang Yeung Yau	"	22
Veal,—Ngau Chai Yuk	"	18
" Sausages,—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong ...	"	15

Poultry. 生口

Chicken,—Kai Chai	lb	24
Capons, Large, Small,—Sin Ka.		29
Ducks,—Ap		20
Doves,—Pau Kau	each	14
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan... ...	per dozen	21
Fowls, Canton,—Kai		29
" Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai		24
Geese,—Ngoi	"	21
Geese, Wild S'hai,—S'hai Yer Ngoi,	pair	$1.50
Musk Deer,—Wong Keng ...	each	$3.60
Hare, Shanghai,—Tu Chai	"	55
Partridge,—Cho Khoo	"	55
Pheasant,—Shau Kai	pair	$1.45
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kup ...	each	30
" Hoihow.—Hoi How Pak Kup.	"	20
Quail,—Um-Chun	each	17
Rice Birds,—Wo Fa Cheuk ...	dozen	—
Snipe,—Sa-Chui		23
Turkeys, Cock,—Phor Kai Kung		38
" Hen,— " " Na		40
Wild Ducks, S'hai,—Shanghai Sui-ap	pair	$1.15
Teal,—Sui-Ap Chai, ...		43
Wild Ducks, Canton,—Sang Shing Sui Ap	ea.	75

Fish. 海鮮

Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb	13
Bream,—Bin Yu		14
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Ho' Sin Yu ...		13
Carp,—Li Yu		16
Catfish,—Chik Yu		11
Codfish,—Mun Yu		14
Crabs,—Hai...		24
Cuttle Fish,—Muk yu		16
Dab,—Sa Mang Yu		10
Dace,—Wong Mei Lun		11
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa		9
Eels, Congor. Hai Mann		15
" Fresh water,—Tam Siu Yu		14
Eels, Yellow. —Wong Sih		28
Frogs,—Tien Kai		32
Garoupa,—Sek Pan		50
Gudgeon,—Pak Kup Yu		12
Herrings,—Tao Pak		18
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Yu		20
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu		18
Loach,—Wu Yu		10
Lobsters,—Lung Ha		24
Mackerel,—Chi Yu		14
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu		24
Mullet,—Chai Yu		22
Oysters,—Sang Hoo		22
Parrotfish,—Kai Kung Yu		18
Perch,—Tau Loc		15
Pike,—Fa Paw Poung		10
Plaice,...—Pan Yu		16
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong		22
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong		28
Prawns,—Ming Ha		40
Ray —Pei Pa-S		8
Rock Fish —Sek Kau Kung		14
Roach,—Chun Yu		11
Salmon,—Ma Yau Yu		28
Shark,—Sa Yu		18
Skate,—Po Yu		10
Shrimps,—Ha		24
Snapper,—Lap Yu		20
Soles,—Tat Sa Yu		18
Tench,—Wan Yu		16
Turbot,—Cho How Yu		18
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Kerk Yu ...		60
White Bait,—Ngan Yu O		—

Fruits. 菓子

Almonds,—Hung Yan		20
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping Kho		15
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Khor		—
" Small,—Hoi Tong		—
" Custard,—Fan Lai Chi	each	—
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu		3
Bananas, (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu		—
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Foong Lut		10
Carambola,—Yeung Tuo		—
Cocoanuts,—Yeh Tsz...	each	8
Lemons, China—Ning Moong		6
" America—Kum San Ning Moon...	"	6
Lichees, Dried—Lai Chi Con		15
" Fresh— "		—
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong...		5
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Mong	each	—
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong... ...	"	—
Man osteens,—San Chuk Tsz ...	dozen	—
Oranges, (Canton)—San Shing Tim Chang		5
" Small,—Tai Kut		4
Olives,—Pak Lam	lb	6
Pears, (American),—Kam San Shut Li ...		—
" (Canton), Cooking,—Sa Li ...		—
" (Shanghai),—Sheung Hai Li. ...		15
Peanuts,—Fa Sang		10
Persimmons Large,—Hung Chie		—
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Sheung Poon Ti Paw Law	each	8
" 2nd cooking—Chung-tang-paw-law	"	—
Plantains,—Tai Cheu		2
Plums,—Swatow Hung Lai...		—
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	"	10
Walnuts,—Hop Tuo		12
" Green,—Sang Hop Tuo		—

Vegetables, &c. 菜蔬

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung Hai Ah Chi Cheuk		4
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moon Pin Ta		8
" (French), Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Pin Tau		—
" Sprout,—Ah Choi		2
" Long,—Tau Kok		—
Beet Root,—Hung Choi Tau ...	each	2
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuen Ker ...		—
" Red,—Hung Ker...		4
Brassica,—Pak Choi...		2
Bamboo Shoots,—Chouk Shun		8
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy ...		2
Cabbage Root,—Kai Lan Tau ...	each	2
Cabbage, (Shanghai).—Yeh Choi ...	"	9
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun ...	"	2
Cauliflower, Large size,—Tai Yek Choi-fa	each	35
" Medium size.—Cheung Yeh Choi-fa	"	25
" Small size,—Sai Yeh Choi Fa ...	"	20
Carrots,—Kaui-Shun		5
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Choi ...		3
" English,—Yeung "		8
" White,—Pak " "		9
Chillies Dried,—Con Lai Chi		18
" Red,—Hung Fa "		12
" Green,—Ching Lat Chiu		8
Curry Stuff, English, Ka Lee Choi Liu...		6
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa		10
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa		—
Garlic,—Suen Tau		5
Ginger, young,—Sun Tsz Keung		4
" old,—Lo Keung		5
Horse Radish, S'hai—Lik Kan		18
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	piece	—
Lettuce,—Yeung Sang Choi ...	each	1
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	"	5
" Mandarin,—Kwei Lum Ma Tai,	"	5
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sang Cho Kho ...		—
Onions, Bombay,—Yeung Ching		8
" Green,—Sang Chung		3
" Shanghai,—Sneung Hai Chung Tau		—
" Japan,—Yu Poon "		7
Okroes,—Mo Ker...		—
Parsley, English,—Young Un Sai	per Bundle	1
Green Peas,—Ching Tau		6
Potatoes, Sweet,—Fan Shu		2
" Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Shu Tsai		—
" Japan,—Yut Poon Shu Tsai ...		5
" American,—Fa Ki " " ...		—
" Foochow,—Fuk Chau " Teal		5
" Macao,—Oh Moon "		5
Pumpkin,—Toong Kwa		2
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai ...	dozen	2
Shalots,—Con Chung Tau		6
Spinage, (Chinese)—Paw Choi		3
Spinach,—Yin Choi		—
Tomatoes,—Fan Ker		6
Taros,—Wu Tau		2
Turnips, Puntl, (Long),—Low Pak ...		2
" English,—Jeung Low Pak	piece	2
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa		—
Water Cresses,—Sai Yeung Choi ...		4
" Caltrops,—Lan Kok		—
" Lily root,—Lin Ngau		6
Yams,—Ta Shu		3

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Hongkong Tides.

The tide table given below has been compiled at the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the soundings in the Admiralty Charts which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

15th to January 21st, 1904.

Day of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	LOW WATER. Hongkong Mean Time	Height.
		h m	feet.	h m	feet.
Fri.	15	m 8 54	4.3	m 2 9	1.6
		7 42 a	7.0	0 49 a	3.3
Sat.	16	m 9 31	4.4	m 2 44	1.2
		8 19 a	7.2	1 34 a	3.3
Sun.	17	m 10 9	4.5	m 3 18	0.9
		8 53 a	7.3	2 14 a	3.2
Mon.	18	m 10 40	4.6	m 3 51	0.8
		9 21 a	7.2	2 52 a	3.1
Tues.	19	m 11 7	4.6	m 4 24	0.7
		9 52 a	7.1	3 28 a	3.0
Wed.	20	m 11 30	4.7	m 4 57	0.8
		10 19 a	6.9	4 2 a	3.0
Thur.	21	m 11 51	4.7	m 5 29	1.0
		10 47 a	6.6	4 35 a	3.1

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 13.

Athenian, British str., 2,440, S. Robinson, Vancouver Dec. 14, and Shanghai Jan. 10, Flour and General.—C. P. R. Co.

Taisang, British steamer, 1,544, R. C. D. Bradley, Wuhu and Chinkiang Jan. 9, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

January 14.

Pronto, German str., 632, H. Grandt, Chefoo January 8, General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Tjimahi, Dutch str., 2,472, M. Jansen, Amoy Jan. 12, General.—HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING Co.

Petchaburi, German steamer, 1,373, G. Hillmann, Bangkok January 2, Rice and Wood.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Maidzuru Maru, Japanese steamer, 667, T. Saitow, Anping, via Amoy and Swatow Jan. 12, General.—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

Daigi Maru, Japanese steamer, 850, T. W. Graves, Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow Jan. 13, General.—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

Kamakura Maru, Japanese str., 3,898, A. Petersen, London and Singapore Jan. 7, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hanyang, British steamer, 1,206, D. W. Haswell, Wuhu and Chinkiang January 9, Rice and Bean Oil.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Huron, British str., 1,989, Wm. Walsh, Kutchinotzu January 8, Coal.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

Alacrity, British despatch-vessel, 1,750, O. de B. Brock, (Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, on board), Shanghai Jan. 10, and Amoy 13.

Ningpo, British str., from Canton.

Taiwan, British str., from Canton.

Anping, Chinese str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

January 14.

Australian, for Australian Ports.
Palma, for Shanghai.
Kiukiang, for Shanghai.
Thales, for Swatow.
Pronto, for Haiphong.
Ningpo, for Shanghai.
Kaifong, for Manila.
Taisang, for Canton.
Yochow, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Keongwai, for Swatow.
Rajaburi, for Swatow.
Taiwan, for Shanghai.
Kamakura Maru, for Kobe.
Hangsang, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Athenian*, for Hongkong: from Vancouver, Dr J. H. Egbert, Messrs Albert Villiger and Arthur C. Fort; from Kobe, Messrs G. A. Maclean and R. Arkwright; from Shanghai, Miss Bateman, Mr E. F. Bateman, and Mr R. H. Bovet.

Per *Kamakura Maru*, from London, &c.: for Hongkong, Miss Bryson, Mrs Cousland, Mrs Gibson, Mr J. W. Gibson, Mrs Hurley and 2 children, Rev. and Mrs Robertson, Dr and Mrs Sandeman and 2 children, Miss Clonson, Messrs Morgan, K. Watson, Brennan, Hayes, Higgins, Hutchins, Mills, Pollock, Spencer, Waterer, 2 Europeans, 4 Japanese and 1 Indian; for Shanghai, Mrs and Miss Chandler; for Kobe, Messrs G. W. McEwen and Y. Nakatani; for Yokohama, Messrs Hiyama, Ishiwata, Katabira, Katayama, Kuga and Nakamura.

Per *Daigi Maru*, from Amoy, Mr J. Kusaka; from Swatow, 4 Japanese and 67 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Rohilla Maru*, for Manila, Mrs S. J. Bridges, Mr and Mrs Keizo Sakurai, Miss Katherine A. Reed, Miss Nancy Lisle, Lieut.-Comdr. J. G. Doyle, Lieut.-Col. C. H. Lauchheimer, Archbishop J. J. Harty, Rev. E. D. Fowler, Messrs A. H. Eveland, M. M. Crook, L. K. Kentwell, Wm. Kirk, F. H. Clark, Jas. W. McIntyre, C. E. Bardsley, P. T. Harris, S. U. Tidd, P. G. McDonnell, H. F. Bridges, W. H. Childs, H. M. Ventine, W. A. Bell, F. W. Henderson, C. L. Heller, John J. White, Takamatsu Matsuoka and Torakuma Matsumori.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

Mails will close :—

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—
Per *Taiwan*, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For SWATOW.—
Per *Hailoong*, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For KEELUNG, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Lyra*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Chenan*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Anping*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For TSINGTAU & CHEFOO.—
Per *Amigo*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For SWATOW, AMOY & ANPING.—
Per *Maidzuru Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For MOJI.—
Per *Huron*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 15th January.

For MANILA.—
Per *Zafiro*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th January.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *M. Struve*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th January.

For MANILA.—
Per *Anhui*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th January.

For KOBE & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per *Algoa*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th January.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Arratoon Apcar*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th January.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Coromandel* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 16th January, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.

Registration at 10 a.m.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 a.m.

Letters at 11 a.m.

Late Letters 11 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.

(Supplementary Mail on board up to the times fixed for the departure of the Mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Officer
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.
5. From The Market to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Building.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellet's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessels' Names.	Anchorage.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Algoa	3 c	Lockett	British str.	3896	Jan. 9	P. M. S. S. Co.	Kobe & San F'cisco	Jan. 16.
Amigo	....	Hanson	Ger. str.	771	Dec. 19	Jebsen & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Anhui	4 c	Cowan	British str.	1871	Jan. 1	Butterfield & Swire	Manila	Jan. 16.
Anping	3 c	Richards	Chi. str.	1252	Jan. 14	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Arara	3 c	Williamson	British str.	2481	Jan. 4	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Arratoon Apcar	3 c	Fey	British str.	2931	Jan. 6	David Sassoon & Co., Ld.	S'pore & Calcutta	Jan. 16.
Athenian	3 c	Robinson	British str.	2440	Jan. 13	C. P. R. Co.		
Benlomond	8 c	Hutton	British str.	1752	Jan. 10	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Chenan	8 c	Northcombe	British str.	1449	Jan. 8	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	Jan. 15.
Chihli	....	Tuebben	British str.	1124	Jan. 8	Butterfield & Swire	....	Cos'tan Dock
China	4 c	Friele	Amer. str.	3187	Jan. 9	P. M. S. S. Co.	S'hai & San F'cisco	Jan. 20.
Chow Tai	3 c	Textor	Ger. str.	1115	Dec. 29	Butterfield & Swire		
Daigi Maru	3 c	Groves	Japan. str.	846	Jan. 14	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Swatow & Tamsui	Jan 17.
Director Arthur Barty	3 c	Edler	Ger. str.	136	Jan. 7	Jebsen & Co.		
Dorothea Rickmers	3 c	Schaefer	Ger. str.	1001	Jan. 13	Chinese.		
Dunav	8 c	Thiamch	Aus. str.	2492	Jan. 11	Bradley & Co.		
Euplectela	2 c	Stott	British str.	2507	Dec. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Firth of Dornoch	8 c	Swanston	British str.	1894	Jan. 5	Dodwell & Co., Ld.		
Foochow	3 c	Smale	British str.	1228	Jan. 9	Butterfield & Swire		
Hailoong	5 h	Gibson	British str.	783	Jan. 13	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow	Jan. 15.
Haitan	....	Roach	British str.	1183	Jan. 5	Douglas Steamship Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Hangsang	3 c	Wilde	British str.	1356	Jan. 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow & Shanghai	Jan. 15.
Helene Rickmers	3 c	Rubblemend	Ger. str.	997	Jan. 13	Butterfield & Swire		
Hounslow	8 c	Adshead	British str.	1850	Jan. 11	Dodwell & Co., Limited.		
Johanne	3 c	Ipland	Ger. str.	952	Jan. 9	Jebsen & Co.	Hoihow & Haiphong	Jan. 15.
Kamakura Maru	k w	Petersen	Japan. str.	3898	Jan. 14	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Kobe & Yokohama	Jan. 15.
Kansu	....	Baddeley	British str.	1142	Jan. 3	Butterfield & Swire	....	K'loon Dock
Keong-wai	3 c	Mollermann	Ger. str.	1115	Jan. 9	Butterfield & Swire		
Kowloon	3 c	Stohr	Ger. str.	1487	Jan. 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Kwang Lee	3 c	Wallace	Chi. str.	1467	Jan. 12	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Laertes	3 c	Jackson	British str.	1340	Jan. 3	Chinese		
Laisang	4 c	Tadd	British str.	2225	Jan. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore & Calcutta	Jan. 19.
Loyal	3 c	Buhrmann	Ger. str.	1237	Dec. 2	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Lugano	k w	Beckholt	Ger. str.	2965	Jan. 12	Carlowitz & Co.		
Lyra	4 c	Williams	Amer. str.	3516	Jan. 10	Dodwell & Co., Ld.	Moji & Tacoma	Jan. 15.
Macduff	k w	Glegg	British str.	1282	Jan. 13	Dodwell & Co., Ld.		
Mochow	3 c	Hayes	Ger. str.	996	Jan. 12	Butterfield & Swire		
Maidzuru Maru	3 c	Saitow	Japan. str.	667	Jan. 14	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Swatow & Anping	Jan. 16.
M. S. Dollar	8 c	Gow	Brit. str.	4216	Jan. 11	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
M. Struve	3 c	Brandt	Ger. str.	960	Jan. 13	A. R. Marty		
Ningpo	5 c	Boyd	British str.	1206	Jan. 14	Butterfield & Swire		
Pakhoi	3 c	Meathael	British str.	1227	Jan. 12	Butterfield & Swire		
Paul Blan	.	Frangoul	French str.	1669	Dec. 19	Chinese	....	Cos'tan Dock
Perla	5 c	Notley	British str.	1284	Jan. 9	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Petchaburi	3 c	Hillmann	Ger. str.	1189	Jan. 14	Butterfield & Swire		
Pronto	3 c	Grandt	Ger. str.	825	Jan. 14	Hamburg-Amerika Linie		
Onsang	9 c	Davies	British str.	1787	Jan. 1	Butterfield & Swire		
Quarta	3 c	Johannsen	Ger. str.	1146	Dec. 29	Sander, Wieler & Co.		
Rajaburi	3 c	Wendig	Ger. str.	1189	Jan. 7	Melchers & Co.	Swatow & Bangkok	Jan. 15.
Salamanca	....	Scott	British str.	1500	Oct. 27	Bradley & Co.	....	Cos'tan Dock
Taisang	3 c	Bradley	British str.	1544	Jan. 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Taiwan	3 c	Harder	British str.	1109	Jan. 14	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	Jan. 15.
Tartar	....	Evans	British str.	2768	Dec. 16	C. P. R. Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Tjimahi	3 c	Jansen	Dutch str.	2476	Jan. 14	Holland-China Trading Co.		
Toto Maru	3 c	Asaki	Japan. str.	1990	Jan. 12	Order		
Tsurugisan Maru	8 c	Narasaki	Japan. str.	2559	Jan. 2	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Tyr	5 c	Danielsen	Norw. str.	1418	Jan. 13	E. A. Trading Co.		
Wongkoi	3 c	Roher	Ger. str.	1115	Jan. 13	Butterfield & Swire		
Yochow	3 c	Brown	British str.	1306	Jan. 13	Butterfield & Swire		
Zafiro	6 c	Rodger	British str.	1611	Jan. 12	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Manila	Jan. 16
Sailing Vessels.								
Grosvenor	2 c	....	Brit. bqe.	516	June 13	Order		
Lothair	2 c	Schiaffino	Ital. bqe.	794	Jan. 12	Carlowitz & Co.		
Palgrave	2 k	Coutts	B. 4-m. bk.	3076	Dec. 21	Standard Oil Co.		

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

[SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.]

Roon, *Java*, *Wakasa Maru*, *Pakling*, *Howick Hall*, *Breizhuel*, December 1; *Chardonin*, 4; *Australien*, 11; *Shanghai*, 15; *Seneca*, 18; *Hamburg*, *Richmond Castle*, *Yaroslave*, *Kennebec*, *Lithonia*, 22; *Konigsberg*, *Bengloe*, *Merionethshire*, *Sado Maru*, *Monmouthshire*, *Socotra*, *Kingchow*, *Sydney*, *Polyphemus*, *Chinhua*, *C. Ferd Laiesz*, 29; *Hitachi Maru*, *Prinz Heinrich*, *Moyune*, *Yarra*, *Artetisia*, January 1; *Glaucus*, *Glenshiel*, *Andalusia*, *Indramayo*, *Volga*, 5; *Bamberg*, *Borneo*, 8; *Formosa*, *Silesia* (Aus.), *Kawachi Maru*, *Hyson*, *Fiume*, *Indrawadi*, *Linan*, *Salfordia*, *Seydlitz*, 12.

Mails.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Malta*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of the 18th December, left Singapore on Monday, the 11th January at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 16th January. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 14th Nov.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Bayern* left Kobe, via Nagasaki and Shanghai, on Monday morning, the 11th January, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 19th January.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Gera*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 22nd December, left Colombo on Sunday morning, the 10th January, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 22nd January.

The O. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Doric*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 22nd Dec.

Steamers Expected.

The Glen Line s.s. *Glengyle*, from London, left Singapore on the morning of 8th January, and may be expected here on 14th January.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Wuchang*, from Iloilo, left Iloilo on the 11th January, and is expected to arrive here on 15th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Bombay Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 11th Jan., at p.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 17th January.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Tsinan*, from Australian Ports, left Port Darwin on the 11th January, and is expected to arrive here on 21st January.

The P. & A. steamer *Indravelli*, arrived at Yokohama on Saturday, the 9th January, and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong about the 23rd January.

The Boston Co.'s s.s. *Shawmut* sailed from Victoria, B.C., for Yokohama, Kobe, Hongkong and Manila on 28th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 26th January.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s Ld.'s s.s. *Kumsang* left Calcutta for this port via The Straits on 9th January, and may be expected here on or about the 26th January.

The C. C. Co.'s s.s. *Lothian* sailed from Portland on Dec. 18th, for Moji and Hongkong.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Olympia* sailed from Victoria on the 3rd January, for Yokohama and the usual ports.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura* left Portland, Or., on the 2nd January, and may be expected to arrive at Hongkong about February 3rd.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s s.s. *Pleiades* sailed from Tacoma on the 2nd January for Japan ports, and Port Arthur.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Gisela* left Singapore for this port on the morning of 9th January.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Vindobona* left Kobe via Moji for this port, on the 11th January.

The E. & A. steamer *Empire*, from Sydney, left Thursday Island on January 11th, for Manila and this port.

Latest Advices.

The s.s. *Lighting*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 13th January.

The s.s. *Wyneric* left Moji on the afternoon of 13th January, and may be expected here about the 18th January.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of India* arrived at Kobe at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 13th January, and left again at midnight on same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 10 p.m. on Saturday, the 16th January.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, January 14, 1904.

On London—
Bank, Wire, ...1/10¼
" On demand... ... ...1/10 5/16
" 30 days' sight, ...1/10⅜
" 4 months' sight, ...1/10 7/16
Credits, 4 " 1/10 11/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight, ...1/10 11/16
On Paris—
On demand, ... 233½
Credits, 4 month sight, ... 237
On Berlin—
On Demand, ... 190
On New York—
On demand, ... 45¼
Credits, 60 days' sight, ... 45⅝
On Bombay—
Wire, ... 137¼
On demand, ... 137¾
On Calcutta—
Wire, ... 137¼
On demand, ... 137¾
On Singapore—
On demand, ... Nom.
On Manila—
On demand, ... Nom.
On Shanghai—
On demand, ... 71¼
30 days' sight, (private paper) ... 72
On Yokohama—
On demand, ... 91¾
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)... ...$57
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ...$10.75
Silver (per oz.) 27⅛

Temperature.

HONGKONG, January 14, 1904.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.00
Do.	1 P.M.	29.97
Do.	4 P.M.	29.97
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	67
Do.	1 P.M.	69
Do.	4 P.M.	69
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	65
Do. Do.	1 P.M.	66
Do. Do.	4 P.M.	66
Do. Maximum		69
Do. Minimum over night		65

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—*At Kowloon.*
H.I.G.M.S. Mowe, Tartar, Amigo, U.S.A.T. Sacramento, H.M.S. Glory, Anhui, Haitan, Kansu, Germania, Nanning.
Cosmopolitan.—Salamanca, Paul Bean, Chihli, Honam.
Aberdeen—Selun.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

13th January.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Hours.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.
Wl'ostock	2 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemoro	,,	29.73	—	—	NW	8	—
Hakodate	,,	29.93	—	—	W	8	—
Tokio	,,	29.96	—	—	S	2	—
Kochi	,,	29.83	—	—	—	0	—
Nagasaki	,,	29.91	—	—	NW	2	—
Kagoshima	,,	29.91	—	—	W	6	—
Oshima	,,	30.04	—	—	SW	4	—
Naha	,,	30.05	—	—	S	2	—
Ishi'jima	,,	30.05	—	—	S	4	—
Taihoku	1 p.	30.04	—	—	NW	2	—
Taichu	,,	30.00	—	—	—	0	—
Tainan	,,	30.02	—	—	N	4	—
Koshun	,,	30.01	—	—	NW	2	—
Pescadores	,,	30.02	—	—	N	4	—
Weihaiwei	3 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	,,	30.08	48	100	N	2	f
Sharp Pk.	,,	30.00	58	85	—	0	o
Amoy	2.30 p.	30.08	61	82	SE	3	c
Swatow	3 p.	30.03	70	—	W	1	c
Canton	,,	—	78	82	—	0	b
Hongkong	4 p.	30.01	66	69	—	0	od
Vict. Peak	,,	—	—	—	NW	1	—
Gap Rock	,,	30.00	—	—	N	2	—
Macao	,,	29.99	65	—	ENE	1	o
Haiphong	,,	29.95	70	—	NNE	1	o
Manila	,,	29.88	82	63	W	1	o
Bacolod	3 p.	—	—	—	NNE	6	c
Iloilo	,,	29.81	83	—	NE	4	c
Cebu	,,	29.77	86	—	N	4	c
C. S. James	4 p.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14th January.—AT 10 A.M.							
Wl'ostock	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	6 a.	29.84	—	—	NW	6	—
Hakodate	,,	29.89	—	—	NE	2	—
Tokio	,,	29.82	—	—	NW	4	—
Kochi	,,	29.83	—	—	—	0	—
Nagasaki	,,	29.99	—	—	N	6	—
Kagoshima	,,	29.95	—	—	NW	4	—
Oshima	,,	30.00	—	—	NW	4	—
Naha	,,	30.01	—	—	—	0	—
Ishi'jima	,,	30.05	—	—	NE	0	—
Taihoku	5 a.	30.08	—	—	—	0	—
Taichu	,,	30.04	—	—	—	0	—
Tainan	,,	30.01	—	—	N	2	—
Koshun	,,	30.01	—	—	—	0	—
Pescadores	,,	30.02	—	—	N	4	—
Weihaiwei	9 a.	30.30	30	—	NW	3	—
Gutzlaff	,,	30.32	44	92	N	4	bm
Sharp Pk.	,,	30.19	57	78	N	5	o
Amoy	8.30 a.	30.09	58	88	SE	1	c
Swatow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	,,	—	65	95	N	1	c
Hongkong	10 a.	30.10	68	89	E	1	o
Vict. Peak	,,	—	—	—	ESE	1	—
Gap Rock	,,	30.03	—	—	NNE	3	—
Macao	,,	30.08	66	—	NE	1	c
Haiphong	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bacolod	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
C. S. James	10 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

F. G. FIGG, *Acting Director.*
Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 14, 1904.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER *b* blue sky, *c* detached clouds *d* drizzling rain, *f* fog, *g* gloomy, *h* hail, *l* lightning, *o* overcast, *p* passing showers, *q* squally, *r* rain, *s* snow thunder, *v* visibility, *w* dew (wet)
7. RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports, &c.	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 23.
Bremen, &c.	Sachsen (s)	Melchers & Co.	January 20.
Bremen, &c.	Bayern (s)	Melchers & Co.	February 3.
Havre and Hamburg.	Ambria (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 18.
Havre, Bremen H'burg	Würzburg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 30.
Havre and Hamburg	Alesia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	February 6.
H'vre, L'don & H'burg	Denbighshire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About January 11.
Havre A'erp & H'burg	Radnorshire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	January 30.
Iloilo	Wuchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 19.
Kobe & Yokohama	Kamakura Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 15, Daylight.
Kobe & Yokohama	Bombay Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 21, at Noon.
Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 29, Daylight.
London, &c.	Coromandel (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 16, at Noon.
London, Antwerp &c.	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 20.
London & Antwerp	Nestor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 2.
Mar., L'don & A'erp.	Hakata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 6, Daylight.
Manila	Rosetta Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 21, at 11 a.m.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 16, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Shawmut (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About January 28.
Manila	Anhui (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 16, at Noon.
Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 20.
Marseilles via Saigon.	Polynesien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 26, at 1 p.m.
Mar., L'don, A'erp, &c.	Sanuki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 23, Daylight.
Mar., L'don & A'erp.	Yangtsze (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 19.
N'ki, Kobe & Y'hama	Kumano Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 27, at Noon.
NewYork v. Suez Canal	Sikh (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd	January 19.
NewYork v. Suez Canal	Sagami (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	January 26.
NewYork v. Suez Canal	Afridi (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	February 9.
NewYork v. Suez Canal	Hudson (s)	Standard Oil Co.	About Jan. 15.
Shanghai	Malta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About January 16.
Shanghai	Chenan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 15.
S'hai and Portland, Or.	Indravelli (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	January 30.
S'pore, Java Ports, &c.	Tjipanas (s)	ChinaH'land T'ing Co.	1st half of Feb.
S'pore, P'ang Calcutta.	Laisang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 19, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, P'ang, Calcutta.	Arratoon Apcar (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Jan. 16, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, P'ang, B'bay &c.	Vindobona (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	January 20, p.m.
S'pore, C'bo, & B'bay	Mazagon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 21.
S'tow, Amoy & Anping	Maidzuru Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	January 15.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Daigi Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	January 17.
S'tow, Amoy, Foochow	Anping Maru (s)	Osaka Shosan Kaisha	January 22.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Daijin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 23, at 10 a.m.
Swatow	Hailoong (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 15, Daylight.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Athenian (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	January 27.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	February 10.
Victoria, B.C., Seattle.	Iyo Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Jan. 26, at 4 p.m.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Lyra (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	January 15.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Olympia (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	February 11.
Yokohama & Kobe	Gisela (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	January 19, p.m.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

January 14, 1904.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations. Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	$640, sales London, £61, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	10,070 29,055	£ 10 £ 10	£ 8 £ 8	$35, sales $35, sales
Do. Founders' shares	750	£ 1	£ 1	$10
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$175
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$56, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 219
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 100	$490, sales & sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$135
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	20	$92½
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	50	$300, sales
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ld.	50,000	$ 50	all	$209
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$50, sales
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	$ 6¼	$ 6¼	$38, sellers
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co. Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 122, buyers
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 50	$ 50	$17, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$ 50	all	$30, sellers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$31½, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$73
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000 10,000	$ 10 $ 10	$ 10 $ 5	$30, sales $19, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,000,000	£ 1	£ 1	22/6 sellers
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 36
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd. do. Preference.	200,000 100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 50, sales Tls. 47½, sellers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	a	$103, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	$ 100	a	$10, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ld.	7,000	Tls. 50	T 50	Tls. 55, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	$ 50	all	$95, sales
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	20,100	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 215, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	100	$157, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld.	39,000	Tls. 50	Tls.50	Tls. 108, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	30	$30, buyers
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co., Ld	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls.25	Tls. 12½, sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	100,000 51,000	$ 10 $ 10	all $ 2½	$11, Nominal $2½
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 50	$52½, sales
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$300
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 5	$ 5	50 cents, sellers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 11	$ 11	$1, sellers
" Preference shares	30,000	$ 1	all	25 cents
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	$600, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	16/10	$6, sellers
HOTELS ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$ 50	all	$147
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin)	2,000	T.Tls.50	Tls.50	Tls. 150, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	30,000	$ 25	$ 25	$28
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	$ 10	all	$14½, sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	$ 10	$ 10	$7½
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls.50	Tls. 107, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 10	$12½, sales & buyers
New Electrics (new issue)	20,000	$ 10	$ 5	$7, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 10	$ 10	$24½, sales & sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	8,604	£ 12/6	£ 12/6	$5, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000 ord'y 100 fders	$ 10 $ 10	$ 4 $ 10	$9, buyers $210, buyers
Hk. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	7,000	$ 10	$ 10	$15¾, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	all	$12½, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$245, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,200	£ 21	£ 20	Tls. 425
Tebrau Planting Company, Ltd.	20,000	$ 5	$ 5	nominal
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 50	all	$145, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	120,000	10	$ 10	$15½, sales & buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 33, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls.75	Tls. 25, buyers
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 40, buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls500	Tls. 170, sales
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co. Ld.	60,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9½, buyers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	$ 12	$ 12	$8½, buyers
Campbell Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	10
Wm. Powell, Ld.	12,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9½, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ld.	1,200	$ 50	$ 50	$50, Nominal
The Canton-Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited	70,000	$ 10	$ 10	$10, Nominal
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Ld.	67,500	$ 10	$ 10	$10
Alhambra Limited	300	$ 500	$ 500	$200

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

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